

## SMALL SALARIES MEAN POVERTY OR BIG RELIEF FUND

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Virginia." Speaking of the growth of Baptists in Tidewater Virginia, he said, first, that in that section of the State there are some churches to which 100 members have been added every year and one new church has been erected every eighteen months for the past generation. He then said that Tidewater Virginia is the richest section of the State under the care of the State mission board, and said the board had been repaid amply for every dollar expended there. He said that on account of the rapid growth and development of Baptist churches in the Tidewater section during the past few years some people might ask if the time had not come when the State mission board could withdraw its aid, and that he wanted to say "no"—emphatically—and that while he realized that all of the money at the disposal of the State mission board might be well spent in Northern or Southwest Virginia, yet the demands from Tidewater Virginia are greater, due to the rapid growth in population and the growth of the denomination. He then showed that during the time that Lynchburg has increased 16,699 in population, Portsmouth has increased 15,000, and that the growth in population of the entire Tidewater section has been as great in the past few years as has been true of any other section of the State, and that the growth has just begun. Norfolk, he said, is better situated for the center of the world's commerce than is New York City, and that in time it will be that center, and what has taken place in Tidewater New York will take place in Tidewater Virginia. He called attention also to the wealth in the towns and in the country places of the Tidewater section, and said that because this section has been the most fruitful field in the past it will make greater demands upon the State mission board in the future.

**Claims of Northern Virginia.**  
The claim of Northern Virginia was presented by E. F. Penwick, a layman of Alexandria. He spoke of the great undeveloped resources of that section of the State, and of the rapid progress that Baptists have made within the past few years, and urged that the State Mission Board give to the work there larger appropriations and make it possible for the Baptists to accomplish greater things. Speaking of the growth of the Baptists in the rural sections of Northern Virginia, he called special attention to one Sunday school which has grown from sixty to 122 members within four years.

The presence of Dr. W. A. Webb, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, was noted, and he was presented to the general association. Dr. Webb extended to the members of the general association an invitation to visit the plant of the college. He spoke also of this pleasant association with the Baptists of Missouri during the past six years, especially in educational work, and said he was glad of the opportunity of knowing the Baptists of Virginia, and commended highly on their work.

**In the Southwest.**  
The claim of Southwest Virginia upon the State Mission Board was presented by Rev. J. T. Stinson, of Lebanon. He spoke first of the wealth of Southwest Virginia in mineral resources and agricultural products, of the Anglo-Saxon population, of the women who still realize the home as their sphere, of the educational progress and of the natural culture of the people.

He spoke next of the work of the Baptist denomination in the New Lebanon Association, which embraces four counties in Southwest Virginia, and the town of Bluefield, West Virginia, and in which association there are 2,750 members of the Baptist churches. Speaking of Russell County especially, he said that the population of this county is 23,500, while the church members number only 2,000, leaving 21,500 people outside of the church, and from 12,000 to 14,000 people not converted. He said thousands of people in the county were waiting for the gospel, and would be responsive, if the same if the opportunity should be given them. He urged them that this section is a splendid opening for Baptist preachers, there being only a few in the association, and that the field is a Baptist opportunity.

He said further that Baptists were not doing what they should do in this section, and that the only denomination that is doing work there worthy of mention is the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he said that if the Baptists would not do the work, he was glad to see the Methodists doing it. He said the success of the Methodists in that section is due to two forces, especially—Energy and Henry College and the many preachers with which the field is manned. The Methodists, however, he said, in their anxiety for members, have taken into their churches many unconverted people, and many of the officers of their churches make no pretense to religion now, and never did, and in this way the world has been taken into the church, the whole of it, and the church has been enlarged as the result of this, and the hands of the church are held with chains the church has forged.

The whole of Southwest Virginia, he said, is Baptist soil, and Baptists are its natural heirs, and they will only be on the ground to claim it.

He recommended Buchanan school, and

recommended the establishment of similar schools to aid the progress of Baptists in Southwest Virginia.

**Wilson's Course Approved.**  
The following resolution was presented by Rev. H. W. Battle, D. D., and was adopted:

"Whereas, in the providence of God, our country is blessed in having at its head of its affairs Christian men of wisdom and moral courage, who, in the present disturbed relations with the republic of Mexico, have manifested consummate political prudence and firmness; therefore, be it

"Resolved, first, That we, the Baptists of Virginia, in general association assembled, do most heartily express our approval of the wise course pursued by President Wilson and his Cabinet in conducting peaceful negotiations with Mexico, and hereby assure him of our esteem and confidence, believing that he will deal with the delicate situation in such a manner as will accord with the principles of our Christian civilization.

"Second, That we cordially endorse the world-wide peace movement of the American Peace Society and associated agencies in foreign countries, striving to secure and maintain peace among the nations by arbitration, the settlement and adjustment of complications by means of international court rather than by resorting to the cruel and bloody arbitrament of the sword.

"Third, That this association now be led in prayer to God for our beloved and honored President and his excellent Cabinet."

A special prayer followed the adoption of this resolution. On motion of Rev. J. W. Pilcher, D. D., the general association expressed appreciation of the work of Rev. George Braxton Taylor, of Hollins, in his contribution to literature as contained in the book he has written, entitled "Lives of Virginia Baptists." Just before adjournment, the Baptist ministers who have come to Virginia during the past year, were introduced to the general association by Rev. W. V. Savage, D. D., of Churchland. Thirty-two ministers were introduced. The body adjourned at 1:50 o'clock with prayer.

**Schools in Good Condition.**  
The report of the education commission, relative to the Baptist schools of the State under the control of the General Association, shows the schools all to be in a flourishing condition, and generally with larger enrollments than heretofore.

Practically the entire debt on the Virginia Intermont College, at Bristol, has been paid, and the commission pays a high tribute to the effort of the Baptist churches for the enlargement of this school. With a property worth \$150,000, the board expresses the belief that the entire debt will be wiped out by the next convention.

The Chatham Training School, which is the only school begun under the auspices of the commission. The property is now worth \$50,000, with its finances in good condition, and an enrollment of eighty-four.

The Southern Institute, at Chase City, is shown to be steadily improving, and a real value to the denomination.

The Roanoke Institute, at Danville, has met every expectation. This is its banner year in attendance. This property is valued at \$15,000, on which there is a mortgage of \$15,000, which is expected to be paid off during the coming winter.

The report shows that Richmond College and the Woman's College of Richmond will be ready in their new plants at Westhampton for the 1914-1915 session, the present session of the Woman's College being the best it has yet had.

The report directs attention to the fact that when the commission was organized all of the denominational schools of the State were going each its own way, and with the single exception of Richmond College, all were in sore financial trouble. Now, it is shown, all of them have a spirit of hopefulness and enlargement. Old debts have been paid or so reduced that these no longer constitute a menace. All are growing in attendance and usefulness. The new central college will be the pride and joy of the denomination.

The board continues: "If, as we hope and believe, we shall be able to round out \$50,000 for the Woman's College and endowment fund before the end of the year, we shall have raised for these institutions more than three times the money ever gathered in any single campaign in all the history of our Virginia Baptists. The work of the commission has been done. We have only made a beginning. We have laid the foundations firm and stable for an enduring union of all our people in this important part of our common work."

The report shows that the terms of the following members expire February 1: R. H. Pitt, Julian Broadus and W. C. James.

The financial report of Dr. R. H. Pitt, acting treasurer of the commission, shows a balance of \$1,065.51 to the credit of the commission, and the following aid was given during the year to the schools: Virginia Institute, \$1,000; Roanoke College, \$1,000; Chatham Training School, \$500; Southern Institute, \$250, and Virginia Institute, \$500.

**Reports Show Progress.**

The remaining sections of the report on general missions presented to reference especially to the work of evangelists and field secretaries who are working under the direction of the general association, and these were filled with facts which show progress, growth, development and success for the Baptists of Virginia during the past twelve months. The report shows that 113 missionary pastors have been employed by the State mission board the past year, this being the largest number of these workers at work in the State. The report shows that the result of the work of the missionary pastors there have been during the year 1,338 conversions and 1,894 baptism. The number of conversions as the result of the

work of evangelists under the State mission board was 913, and the number of baptisms 597. The number of conversions reported as the result of the work of the field secretary was 246. Thus the total number of conversions reported by the State mission board for the year was 2,066, and the total number of baptisms 2,491.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Union was presented and showed the number of Sunday-school registers at this time is sixty-nine; the number of Royal Ambassador chapters, twenty-seven; the number of Young Women's Auxiliaries, forty-six; making a total of 183 new organizations. The total number of societies of all grades now on the roll is 1,331.

The financial report shows that the total contributions for all purposes for the year amount to \$61,415, a gain of \$2,841. Including the money secured in frontier cash-boxes, the total amount collected by the women's societies for all purposes was \$63,455. The total amount of disbursements for literature, postage and other office expense was \$3,642.

The education feature of the report showed that progress had been made in this phase of the work of the women's societies also. Rev. E. P. Rixey, of Falmouth, spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

In answer to the presentation of the need, by Rev. Charles D. Manly, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Church at Lexington, the general association adopted a resolution recommending that means be provided as soon as possible for the erection of a Baptist Church at Lexington adequate in every way to meet the demands of the denomination at that point.

"We propose that article III of the constitution shall read: 'All who now hold life membership are hereby continued life members. The officers of the association, all standing committees, and those appointed to special service shall be ex-officio members of this body, and any regular Baptist church shall be entitled to one male representative; to two for every \$25 contributed to the funds of the association; to three for \$50; to four for \$100, and to one for each additional \$100 provided, (1) that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen members; and, (2) that no one shall be a member of this body who is not an

orderly member of some regular Baptist church."

Article three of the constitution of the general association formerly read as follows: "All who now hold life membership are hereby continued life members."

"Any regular Baptist Church shall be entitled to one representative for every \$25 contributed to the funds of the general association; provided, first, that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen members; and, second, that no one shall be a member of this body who is not an orderly member of some regular Baptist Church."

The change in the constitution will increase the attendance of messengers

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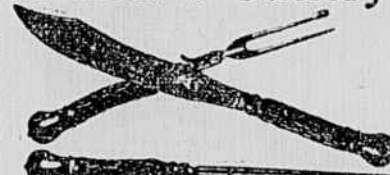
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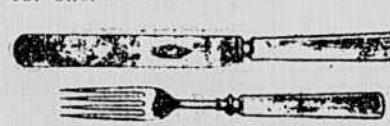
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to the sessions of the general association.

**To Meet in Bristol.**  
The report of the committee on time, place and preacher was submitted. The time named for the meeting of the general association of 1914 was Monday, November 23, the place, Bristol, and the preacher, Rev. J. J. Leigh, pastor of Leigh Street Church, Richmond.

The interest of the Baptist Church at Farmville was presented to the general association by Rev. Willis L. Mays, pastor of the church. Rev. J. C. Dunford, of Richmond, and Rev. F. W. Boatwright, president of Richmond College. The fact was emphasized that a large number of Baptist girls attend the Normal College, and that the Baptist Church there is not what it should be in building, equipment, and that it does not compare favorably with the churches of other denominations there.

After the report of the education commission this evening three addresses were delivered. The first of these was on the subject, "The Necessity for Denominational Education," and the speaker was Rev. E. B. Hatcher, D. D., of Baltimore. The second speaker was Prof. J. C. Metcalf, of Richmond, and his subject was "Higher Education for Women." Dr. C. Mitchell, of Richmond, was the last speaker. His subject was "Education for Life."

A resolution was offered and was adopted recommending that the general association authorize the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Farmville Baptist Church with which to add in the erection of a suitable house of worship.

Dr. J. T. Henderson offered a resolution recommending that one preacher and one layman in each of the twenty-nine district associations be appointed to select delegates from each association to the convention of the laymen's missionary movement to be held during the spring of next year. The resolution was adopted. Rev. Charles Manly was appointed to conduct the memorial service Sunday afternoon in memory of the ministers of the general association who has passed away this year.

The body adjourned with prayer. The Virginia Baptist Historical So-

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[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Panama, November 22.—Captain Alfred Brown, of New York, who claims to be the champion long-distance swimmer of the world, swam Gatun Lake today. He covered the twenty-four miles in twelve hours and thirty minutes.

Brown started at Gatun Locks at 5:25 o'clock this morning. He was constantly in the water from that time until the finish, just below Gamboa, at the entrance to Colon Gulf. He finished in good condition, and was the first man to negotiate these waters. Companions in a native canoe, who followed close behind him, fed the swimmer, while a curious crowd of

city held its annual meeting to-day and elected the following officers: President, J. M. Pilcher; vice-presidents, George W. Beale and J. Taylor Ellyson; secretary, C. H. Ryland.

**Daniels Returns From West.**  
Washington, November 22.—Secretary Daniels returned to-day from a week's absence in the Middle West. He was so enthusiastic over the possibilities of the Great Lakes Naval Training School, near Chicago, that he announced his intention of increasing the course of study there to six months.

**HOMES BURNED IN WEST DURHAM.**  
Two Residences Destroyed at a Loss of \$3,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Durham, N. C., November 22.—The first fire of any consequence in this city for several years occurred this morning at 7:30 o'clock at West Durham, where the homes of Joe Bowen, postmaster, and a Mr. Jackson were burned to the ground.

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